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## DPRCA—Developing our youth, developing our future

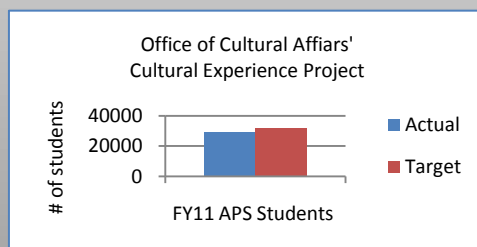
In 2010, Mayor Reed re-opened all 33 recreation centers, 22 of which closed in 2008. These recreation centers, Centers of Hope, are places for out-of-school youth programming, which supports the Mayor's priority of youth development. Additionally, the City's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs (DRPCA), the operators of the centers, further serves the youth through their annual programs and creation of Centers of Hope.

"This is the first step in what is going to be a long journey toward placing young people in the center of our culture"<sup>1</sup>

*-Mayor Reed*

### Cultural Experience Project

During the school year, the Office of Cultural Affairs' (OCA) operates the Cultural Experience Project., which exposes Atlanta Public Schools (APS) to at least one on-site cultural experience at the city's premier art and cultural venues.



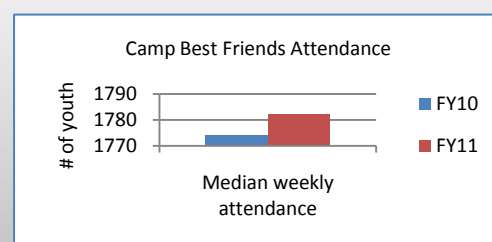
In fact, OCA's staff impacted 29,410 APS students out of the targeted 32,111 students in fiscal year 2010 to art and cultural institutions by securing in-kind services and donations for students —past trips include Atlanta's Botanical Garden and Georgia Shakespeare.



Campers from each location at Grant Park for 25th Anniversary

### Camp Best Friends

The Office of Recreation's summer programming is another great example of the City of Atlanta's investment in youth. Camp Best Friends, specialty and day camps for youth 5-16 years old, serves to combat the widening educational gap by providing a productive outlet for children. Camp activities include arts and crafts, golf lessons, creative writing, and swim lessons.



DPRCA has taken steps to search for more innovative strategies to serve youth. Through these efforts, they continually support the Mayor's priority of youth development and deliver on their mission to provide high quality cultural experiences and recreation programming.

1. [Mayor Kasim Reed's Centers of Hope](#) from AJC.com

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